Arms Licence Racket

2921. SHRI ARJUN SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to the CBI over 100 additional district magistrates and sub-divisional magistrates and large number of arms dealers are allegedly involved in the inter-State arms licence racket;

(b) if so, whether the CBI has arrested number of persons including arms dealers for issuing bogus arms licences;

(c) if so, what action has been taken against those held responsible; and

(d) what are the steps being considered to check the arms licence rackets operating in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) CBI has unearthed a large scale inter-State racket in which irregular/illegal arms-licences mostly having All India jurisdiction were issued by some Licensing Authorities. This racket flourished with the connivance of some government officials and arms-dealers.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. CBI has arrested 7 accused persons, which include 3 arms dealers, 2 Sub-Divisional Magistrates and 2 Clerks in 112 cases.

(d) State Governments have been sensitized to undertake necessary checks to detect such arms licences.

Communal Riots in the Country

2922. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of communal riots that took place in the country since January this year till date;

(b) the details of loss of life and property therein;

(c) the details of compensation paid to the victims/dependents of victims;

(d) the details of relief and rehabilitation measures taken in each case and whether the same have been fully satisfactory;

(e) the action taken against the persons/bodies indulging in riots; and

(f) the steps taken to prevent recurrence of riots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (f) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deputationists in the MCD

2923. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 50 per cent of the top posts in the MCD are manned by deputationists;

(b) if so, what is the criteria or norms for filling-up the top posts; and

(c) what is the normal tenure of the deputationist and details of those who have crossed this prescribed period, with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANANI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The recruitment is made as per the Recruitment Rules prescribed for various categories of posts.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Low rate of conviction in rape cases

†2924. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during 1999, 2000 and 2001 in the State of Delhi, the rate of conviction by the court in rape cases is only two per cent;

(b) if not, the year-wise details of the rape cases which have been convicted by the court; and

(c) what are the reasons for which accused have been acquitted by the courts?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.